

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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James Munyer, Treasurer Freeborn County Republicans 1101 Foothills Circle Albert Lea, MN 56007

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Dear Mr. Munyer,

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On April 28, 2003, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that Olmsted County RPM and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act."). See 2 U.S.C. § 433(a). However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and closed its file as it pertains to the Committee and you, as treasurer. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

The Commission reminds you that failing to register and report with the Commission is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434. You should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn R. Jackson, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Ellen L. Weintraub

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Chair

Enclosure Factual and Legal Analysis

cc: Rod Grams

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENTS:

Freeborn County Republicans, and

James Munyer, as Treasurer

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

The Commission audited Rod Grams for U.S. Senate and Christine Grams, as Treasurer,

(the "Committee") pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 438(b). See Attachment 1.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

Based on the factual and legal analysis contained in the audit referral, a copy of which is

attached, the Respondent expended \$1,900 for contributions to the Committee during the 2000

Primary Election and failed to register and report with the Commission. The Commission found

reason to believe that the Freeborn County Republicans, and James Munyer, as Treasurer,

violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 433(a) and 434 by failing to register and report as a political committee.